

## Special Events

<b>Week of Prayer 2019</b>	Starting Monday 31st December (with Church Family Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 5th January)
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	Saturday 9th February
<b>Guest Services</b>	Sunday 10th March
<b>Afternoon tea with the Bishop</b>	Thursday 14th March
<b>Church Family Lunch &amp; APCM</b>	Sunday 17th March, 12.45pm at St John's
<b>NWP Children's &amp; Youth Leaders' Training Day</b>	Saturday 23rd March, 10am—4pm at St John's

## Home Groups

### Mondays and Wednesdays, around the Parish

Home Groups are where our big congregations become small and more personal. They are a great place for reading and discussing the Bible and praying together. We encourage all members of church to join a mid-week group — if you haven't done so already, please speak to Andrew Towner or Andrew Simmons or contact the church office.

## Partnership

### 7.45pm at St Peter's, once a month on a Wednesday

An opportunity to meet together and encourage one another, pray and hear updates from our church family and about exciting gospel work around the world.

### Contacts

If you would like to find out more about any of our services, regular activities or events, please visit the church website or contact Jane or Caroline in the parish office who will be happy to help.

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St John's, Houghton with St Peter's, Kingmoor

# Church Family News

## Spring 2019



### *This term we will be looking at...*

#### **Sunday Morning Services**

9.15am at St Peter's & 11am at St John's

What do you think of when you hear the word 'church'? Duty or family, boredom or joy? The Bible describes the church as Jesus' bride for whom he died, and God's new community, a little picture of eternity. During January, we will be thinking about who we are as church. In the words of the creed 'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church' - but what does that mean, and is it really good and exciting?

After that series, we shall enjoy further time in Acts as we see how the risen Jesus leads his church. A highlight of that will be Acts 17:16-34, one of Paul's most amazing talks given to a large crowd of unbelievers. We shall make that a special guest service, so please do hold Sunday 10th March in your diary and give prayerful thought to who you might invite. And the run-up to Easter will then see us enjoying Isaiah's four 'Servant Songs' prophecies that point forward towards Jesus.

#### **4LIFE**

4pm at St Peter's

Following on from enjoying John 1:1-18 over Christmas, we shall spend January hearing what comes next from John's pen, before turning to enjoy the strange encouragement of Esther who was born 'for such a time as this' and much used by God - but finds herself in the only book in the Bible not to mention him! Our run-up to Easter will be feasting on Paul's Pentecost sermon in Acts 2.

Amongst all this we have a couple of services thinking through "What Would Jesus say about \_\_\_\_\_?" which should be stimulating - we plan to consider what Jesus might say to Donald Trump or about social media, for example. And if you have a good idea for someone or something to put in that hot seat that you think guests may be interested in, do please let one of the 4LIFE team know.